

ABSTRACT

A packaging assembly for packaging a surgical device including first and second needle assemblies at least a distal portion of which having a curved configuration including an inner package member having first and second recesses sized and shaped for receiving at least a handle portion of the first and second needle assemblies. The recesses extend inwardly from the distal end of the inner package member a distance so that the distal curved portions of the needle assemblies extend beyond the distal end of the inner package. The distal end has a height such that the curved distal portions do not contact a surface on which the inner package member rests. The assembly further includes an outer package member dimensioned to removably receive therein the inner package member and the surgical device. The outer package member has a height sufficient so that when the inner package member and surgical devices are received therein, the outer package element remains substantially clear from contact with the surgical devices. The inner package member and surgical device can be removed from the outer package member and placed on a substantially flat surface in a manner such that the surgical device retains its orientation, and the distal portions of the needle assemblies remain clear of the surface.